personnel. Under this Agreement, one batch of 48 Nigerian personnel were trained in SAIL steel plants. No further batches of Nigerian personnel have been deputed for training to SAIL.

(e) Details of quantity and value of steel exported by SAIL during last year and the current year upto July, 1984, countrywise, are indicated as under:-

Year	Country	Qty. in tonnes	Value in Rs. million
1983-84	Egypt	9776	19·88
	Japan	14613	32·56
1984-85 (upto July 1984-Provisional)	China	17134	1·81
	Egypt	9999	24·49

2792. [*Transferred to the 24th August*, 1984]

Resumption of Negotiation on Punjab issue

2793. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the leaders of Akali Dal and S.G.P.C. have recently expressed willingness to resume negotiations with the Central Government on the Punjab issue;

(b) whether foreign assistance is still flowing into Punjab even after the Army operation; and

(c) if so, what steps Governnment propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) Government have received no such information.

(b) Some sikh organisations based abroad are reported to have stepped up their fund collection drive to be utilised for various purposes.

(c) The situation in the State is under constant watch and suitable measures are taken from time to time to maintain law and order and conditions of peace. The authorities are vigilant.

Demand to fix Maximum Price of T.V. Sets

2794. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand to fix the maximum price of television sets manufactured by different companies—private and public;

(b) whether Government have accepted this demand if not, whether Government propose to fix maximum price to check profiteering; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that television manufacturers and Government have discussed the question of maximum price, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Electronics consisting of Secretary (Information and Broadcasting), Secretary (Finance), Secretary (Industrial Development), the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Managing Director, Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation, President, Indian TV manu-

facturers Association, and President, Electronic Component Industries Association, has been constituted by Government for monitoring and reviewing the progress of manufacture of Colour TV sets. Government has not fixed a price ceiling for C.T.V. sets. However, the question of maximum price to be charged for colour TV sets was discussed in the meeting of the Committee held on August 16, 1984. At the instance of the Department of Electronics, the Indian TV Manufacturers Association has confirmed to DOE that their members would introduce Colour TV sets in the market latest by October 15, 1984 at a consumer price of Rs. 7500/- for CTV sets of 51 cm. screen size with electronic tuners and of Rs. 7000/- for such sets with mechanical tuners. These prices will be inclusive of 12 months warrantly service.

Collapse of Blast Furnace at IISCO

2795. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply to the Starred Question 264 in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 1984 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government for a deeper investigation and a more thorough probe into the collapse of the blast furnaces of the Indian Iron and Steel Company and huge losses incurred as a result thereof;

(b) whether any senior officer of the maintenance department and other departments who were in overall charge have been either removed or suspended or transferred pending such a probe and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the steps taken to prevent any such occurrence in future and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present with the Government for ordering a deeper investigation and more thorough probe apart from the "Three Member Committee" set up by Chairman, Steel Authority of India Limited in June, 1984 to go into the accident. The report of the Committee is being examined by the Government. Therefore, the question of suspending or transferring any officer pending a more through probe does not arise.

(c) In order to prevent recurrence of such incidents, an under frequency relay has been installed which, in case of DVC power failure, will cut off non-essential loads.

Rate of Interest Applicable to Government Loans to IISCO

2796. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply to the Starred Question 261 in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 1984 and state:

(a) what is the rate of interest applicable to Government loans to IISCO and the details thereof, during the last three years;

(b) what was the rate applicable previously; and

(c) what steps have been taken to reduce the interest burden and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b) Following rates of interest